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Senator Patrick J. Leahy  
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee  
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Senator Jeff Sessions  
Ranking Member, Senate Judiciary Committee  
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**RE:** Support for the Confirmation of James M. Cole as Deputy Attorney General

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Sessions:

Christopher D. Chiles and I are writing to express our support for the confirmation of James M. Cole as Deputy Attorney General for the United States.

I have known James since 2001 through various positions in the American Bar Association ("ABA"). I am currently the Vice Chair-Elect of the ABA Criminal Justice Council and President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers ("NACDL"). Chris is the current President of the National District Attorneys Association ("NDAA"), is its' representative to the ABA Commission on Effective Criminal Sanctions and, is on the Criminal Justice Council.

While the NACDL and NDAA do not always agree, the organizations do agree with their endorsement of James M. Cole. James has shown leadership, intellect and integrity in his work with the ABA Criminal Justice Section, achieving consensus among those from both sides of the bar and academia on best practices or the best policy concerning criminal justice matters. We may disagree with James, but we respect his ability to dissect issues and show flawless judgment while working with the Council.

James enjoys the reputation as an earnest, loyal and effective advocate for the interest or client which he represents. He thinks issues through to take into account the far reaching effect of any policy we examine guiding us to a position that meets our objective while remaining congruent with our long standing principles.

The work of the ABA Criminal Justice Council impacts the work of all three branches of the federal government and affects the national criminal justice community. James M. Cole is well equipped to lead and decide criminal justice issues of national importance. He conducts himself in the most ethical and professional manner as he has in private practice and while on the Council. His experience over a decade with the Department of Justice and private practice provides him with a depth of experience required for the important position he will fill. The manner in which he has conducted the prosecution of public officials and the special investigation of a Congressman exemplify his fair and vigorous approach to criminal enforcement.

Therefore, NACDL and NDAA jointly recommend James. M. Cole to Congress for confirmation as Deputy Attorney General.

Sincerely,

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President, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

and

Christopher D. Chiles  
President, National District Attorneys Association

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